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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Hospitals - Written Statement of Acceptance of Health Insurance -**
3 **Provider Bills**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a ~~comprehensive care facility or extended care facility to~~
5 ~~give an individual, on or before admission, a written statement of whether the~~
6 ~~facility and attending physician accept an individual's health insurance~~ hospital
7 to provide a certain individual a written statement indicating that the
8 individual may be receiving certain provider bills; and generally relating to a
9 written statement regarding bills from hospital providers.

10 BY ~~repealing and reenacting, with amendments, adding to~~
11 Article - Health - General
12 Section ~~19-344(d)~~ 19-354
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Health - General2 ~~19-344.~~3 (d) ~~Each facility shall:~~4 (1) ~~On or before admission of an individual, give the individual a written~~
5 ~~statement of:~~6 (i) ~~The services of the facility, including each service that is~~
7 ~~required to be offered on an as-needed basis; [and]~~8 (ii) ~~Related charges, including any charges for services that are not~~
9 ~~covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or the basic rate of the facility; and~~10 (III) ~~WHETHER THE FACILITY AND ATTENDING PHYSICIAN ACCEPT~~
11 ~~THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH INSURANCE; AND~~12 (2) ~~Keep a written receipt for the statement that is signed by the~~
13 ~~individual.~~14 19-353.1.15 A HOSPITAL SHALL PROVIDE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SEEKING TREATMENT
16 FROM THE HOSPITAL A WRITTEN STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL
17 MAY BE RECEIVING BILLS, SEPARATE FROM THE BILL REMITTED BY THE HOSPITAL,
18 FROM PROVIDERS TREATING THE INDIVIDUAL AT THE HOSPITAL.19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2004.